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SUBJ: TWELFTH ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTER-AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS

1. SUMMARY : THE INTER-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS
TWELFTH ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED A TEN-POINT DECLARA-
TION WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONDEMNS THE PERUVIAN GOVERN-
MENT'S EXPROPRIATIONS OF COMMUNICATION MEDIA. PRESIDENT
BORDABERRY, IN A BRIEF TALK TO THE BROADCASTERS, REFERRED TO THE
LIMITING OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AS SOMETIMES BEING NECESSARY,
AS IN URUGUAY, IN ORDER TO PROTECT OTHER ESSENTIAL RIGHTS.
END SUMMARY.

2. THE TWELFTH ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS, MEETING IN MONTEVIDEO MARCH 3-6,
ISSUED A TEN-POINT DECLARATION IN WHICH THE FIRST AND MAJOR
POINT WAS A STRONG CONDEMNATION OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S
EXPROPRIATION OF THE PRINCIPAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.
THE ASSOCIATION CLASSIFIED THE EXPROPRIATIONS AS AN OPEN VIOLATION
OF UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS. THE DECLARATION ALSO
REAFFIRMED THE ASSOCIATION'S PRINCIPLE THAT RADIO STATIONS SHOULD
BE PRIVATELY OWNED AND ESSENTIALLY FREE.

3. PRESIDENT BORDABERRY, IN PART OF HIS SHORT TALK TO THE BROAD-
CASTERS, REFERRED TO THE LIMITING OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION WHICH
HAS OCCURRED IN URUGUAY IN RECENT YEARS. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED
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HIS VIEW THAT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE "ESSENTIAL RIGHTS OF

LIBERTY, LIFE, HONOR, SECURITY, FAMILY AND PROPERTY," A GOVERNMENT MAY "FACE THE DRAMATIC DILEMMA OF HAVING TO LIMIT SOME OF THE SO-CALLED DERIVATIVE OR COLLECTIVE RIGHTS SUCH AS THE FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION, OR FREEDOME OF THE PRESS." BORDABERRY SAID THIS HAD HAPPENED IN URUGUAY WHERE MARXISTS HAD USED UNRESTRICTED LIBERTY AS "AN EFFECTIVE AVENUE TO ATTACK THE SAME LIBERTY IT CLAIME SO DEFEND." BORDABERRY CAUTIONED THAT HIS WORDS SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS AN INTENT TO ATTACK FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION OR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND SAID HE BELIEVED IN THE PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF RADIO BROADCASTING FACILITIES.
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